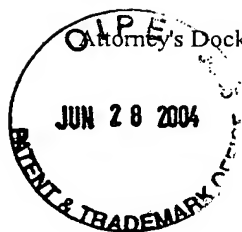


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**TITLE OF INVENTION**

**CENTRAL RELEASE DEVICE FOR A HYDRAULIC**  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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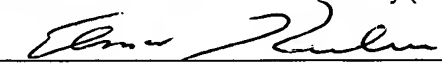
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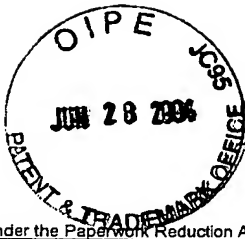
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